(*b*) How many petitions have been received praying for the opening of new schools?

(*c*) In how many villages have schools been opened?

(*d*) What are the names of such villages?

(*e*) In what villages have schools been abolished?

(*f*) What are the names of these villages?

(*g*) What are the names of villages that have prayed for the opening of schools?

(*h*) In how many villages have teachers been removed?

(*i*) In how many villages have teachers been newly appointed?

(*j*) Is it under contemplation to revive the schools which have been abolished?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT.—

A.—37. The information given below is in respect of the Shimoga District.

(*a*) Seventy-one schools (65 Kannada schools and 6 Urdu schools).

(*b*) Information as to the exact number of petitions is not readily available.

(*c*) No new schools have been opened but transfer of schools from one place to another has been effected in 71 cases.

(*d*), (*e*) and (*f*) Statements showing the transfer of schools effected are placed on the table. (*Vide* Appendix.)

(*g*) Information is not readily available.

(*h*) *and* (*i*) There is no new appointment; but 27 transfers of scales from languishing schools having more than one teacher to others have been effected on considerations of strength and attendance.

(*j*) Yes. If the strength and attendance are likely to improve.

MR. G. P. RANGAPPA (Honnali Taluk).—

Q.—38. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Was the Munsiff's Court which existed at Honnali remunerative or not; if remunerative, what was the average income per year?

(*b*) Was not the court abolished on the score of there being no bridge across the Tungabhadra River to afford facilities to the people of Davangere and surrounding places to go to Honnali?

(*c*) How often have the people of Honnali prayed for the revival of the court at Honnali, after the bridge was constructed at a cost of three lakhs of rupees?

(*d*) What are the reasons for the delay in establishing a court here in spite of the promise made by the Chief Judge during his visit to the place?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—38. (*a*) Such calculation is not possible.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Some petitions have been received in the matter.

(*d*) Financial stringency is the chief reason.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. G. P. Rangappa.—

Was the Munsiff's Court which existed at Honnali working at a loss?

First Member of Council.—

The figures are not before the Government at present.

Mr. G. P. Rangappa.—

Why was the court removed?

First Member of Council.—

Notice.

Mr. G. P. Rangappa.—

Are the Government aware of the difficulties and inconveniences caused to the public by the abolition of the court at Honnali? If so, what are the reasons for the delay in opening a Munsiff's Court there?

First Member of Council.—

Please see answer to sub-section (*d*).

Mr. G. P. Rangappa.—

In the answer it is stated that financial stringency is the chief reason. When will the finances improve and when will a court be established there?

First Member of Council.—

We cannot say, but the matter is under consideration.

Mr. G. P. Rangappa.—

Will the Government give an assurance that a court will be established there at least when the finances improve?

First Member of Council.—

That will be considered. After all, Honnali is only 25 miles from Shimoga. There cannot be any great hardship because there are a number of buses running between Honnali and Shimoga.

Mr. G. P. Rangappa.—

But what about the people living in villages farther off Honnali?

First Member of Council.—

The court was abolished about 30 years back and people have got accustomed to go to Shimoga. Of course, Government do not say that they will not establish a court at Honnali. As soon as the financial position improves, the question will be taken up for consideration.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

Would it not be possible to have a Munsiff-Magistrate's Court at Honnali to serve both Honnali and Shikarpur?

First Member of Council.—

That question will have to be examined.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

Will the Government examine that question?

First Member of Council.—

The High Court are examining it.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Aiyangar.—

What will be the estimated cost per annum on account of a court at Honnali?

First Member of Council.—

Notice.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Aiyangar.—

Do the Government think that it would cost more than Rs. 5,000 per annum to open a court at Honnali?

First Member of Council.—

We cannot say anything.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Aiyangar.—

Does not the Budget indicate that the Government realise an income of Rs. 14 lakhs from Court Fee Stamps and Copying fees? And out of these 14 lakhs, are not the Government spending only about 10 lakhs on Courts of Law and saving about four lakhs of rupees per annum? And out of this amount could they not establish a court at Honnali?

Dewan.—

The position on the whole is one of deficit and there is no saving for any expenditure on opening a new court.

Mr. Belur Srinivasiengar.—

Do the Government know that the average income from a Munsiff's Court is about Rs. 20,000 or over and the average expenditure on it is only Rs. 9,000? Would it not be possible to meet the expenditure on it from out of its receipts?

First Member of Council.—

You are asking for an opinion. At present the court fee is being realised elsewhere. It might be that by establishing a new court at Honnali, the realisation may be slightly more, but it cannot be so much as you seem to expect.

Mr. Belur Srinivasiengar.—

When a new court was established at Dodballapur, was it not laid down as a policy that in places where the expenditure on a court could be covered by its anticipated receipts, additional courts would be established?

First Member of Council.—

We will have to look into the references.

Mr. Belur Srinivasiengar.—

As there is no probability of a loss on account of opening a court at Honnali, will the Government consider this representation sympathetically?

First Member of Council.—

As soon as possible, we will sympathetically consider it.

Mr. M. Subbiah.—

For how many years past is the State going through financial depression?

First Member of Council.—

Every one knows it.

Mr. M. Subbiah.—

How many years is it since the court was abolished ?

First Member of Council.—

The court was abolished some 30 years back.

Mr. M. Subbiah.—

Are not the people of the place requesting for the re-establishment of the court ever since it was abolished 30 years back ?

First Member of Council.—

I cannot say whether they have been doing so all along.

Mr. M. Subbiah.—

Is financial stringency the cause for not re-establishing the court at Honnali for the last 30 years?

First Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. M. Subbiah.—

Is it not the duty of the Government to grant that request ?

First Member of Council.—

There may be so many duties of Government, but they cannot all be attended to at one and the same time.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

Are not second class cases going from Honnali to Shimoga ?

First Member of Council.—

Yes, they are.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

If a Munsiff-Magistrate's Court is opened at Honnali, will not the expenditure be less than what a separate Munsiff's Court would cost ?

First Member of Council.—

The High Court are considering the question.

MR. TUDKI RAMANNA GOWDA (Tirthahalli Taluk).—

Q.—39. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) When was the toll-gate near Koppa on the Tirthahalli-Koppa Road established by the Kadur District Board ?

(*b*) What is the length of this road ?

(*c*) What is the mileage in the Kadur jurisdiction ?

(*d*) What is the mileage in the Shimoga jurisdiction ?

(*e*) How many water courses are there across the road in the limits of the Kadur District which are not bridged ?

(*f*) Is it a fact that bus and cart traffic stops on this road in the rainy season on account of these water courses ?

(*g*) Are Government aware that the Tunga River flows across this road near Tirthahalli without a bridge ?

(*h*) Are Government aware of the fact that in the rainy season, the raiyats of Muttur Hobli of the Tirthahalli Taluk and those of a portion of the Koppa Hobli are prevented from travelling on this road ?

(*i*) Do the officers and members of the Kadur District Board know of these difficulties ?

(*j*) If so, have they expressed their views before the Board ?

(*k*) Have they intimated to the Board and to Government the difficulties experienced by the people of Muttur Hobli, Tirthahalli Taluk and Koppa Kasaba Hobli, by the establishment of this toll-gate ?

(*l*) What is their opinion regarding the abolition of the above toll-gate even now ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT.—

A.—39. (*a*) From 1st February 1933.

(*b*) Fifteen miles.

(*c*) Five miles.

(*d*) Ten miles.